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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM FOR ALLOCATING
STORAGE AREA TO VIRTUAL VOLUME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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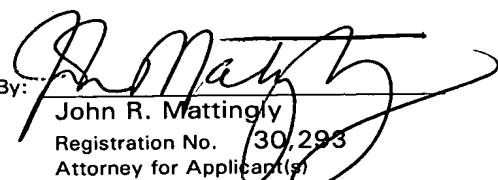
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.